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1. Troops observed in the Friedrich August Kaserne on the south side of Colditzerstrasse, Leisnig (N 52/K 69), during the period from 17 to 21 December 1951, were engaged in drilling with small arms, practicing firing, athletics, instruction and maintenance work at motor vehicles.

2. Troops observed in the von-der-Busche Kaserne on the north side of Colditzerstrasse, during the same period, were engaged in drilling, practice firing and athletics. SP guns Nos 052 and 055 were identified in the Brosen area on 17 December, with SP gun 052 being also noticed in the von-der-Busche Kaserne on 21 December. Fifteen soldiers were observed receiving training with two rocket launchers on the road to Liebchensmuehle on 21 December. In mid-November 1951, an officer wearing artillery insignia said that, effective 5 November, all Soviet vehicles in the von-der-Busche Kaserne would remain in the billeting area until further notice. Even loaves of bread had to be hauled in on German civilian vehicles. *

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3. ☐ sedan ☐ in Leisnig on 24 October, apparently contained notes on the maneuvering of tanks in hilly terrain at a maximum speed and in a predesignated direction, with the efficiency of the driver being rated on his ability to keep the direction specified, to maintain maximum speed, to surmount obstacles most skillfully, to avoid stopping and overheating of the engine. The notes were followed by two gearshift diagrams, with the first diagram showing 4 forward speeds and 1 reverse speed; and the other showing 3 forward speeds and 1 reverse speed. *

4. The following documents were found east of the von-der-Busche Kaserne on 9 and 10 November 1951:

a. A list of model 1941 submachine guns with 24 different numbers, eight of which were daily issued to personnel of a headquarters, a 1st and 2d battery and a headquarters platoon in March and July 1951. Since the same numbers of submachine guns appear with different units at different days, it is believed that the submachine guns were issued only for the duration of firing practice.

b. Note No 20 of 15 July 1949 for the Political Agitator of the Armed Forces, which contained the articles "Soviet Patriotism" by Colonel Ya. Pomenko; "One of the Most Valuable Properties of the Soviet Soldier" by Lieutenant Colonel V. Gubarev; and "All-Union Day of the Railroadman" by Colonel D. Berezin.

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c. A fragment of a schedule for the duration of the daylight-saving time period for sentries [] approved by Cds Lieutenant Colonel Derechinski (fnu), commanding officer [] and dated 30 July 1951. The schedule specified that the first sentry was to stand at the headquarters, the second at the ammunition dump and the third at the guardhouse; and that the park for tanks and fuel was near the second sentry, and the messhall near the third sentry. **

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* [] Comment. The turret numbers of the SP guns and the document on tank driver's training removed from a sedan [] of the 8th Mecz Div [] the 64th Cds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Cds Mecz Div which, among other units, is stationed in Leisnig. The two rocket launchers are vaguely indicative of the unidentified Cds RL Bn of the 8th Cds Mecz Div which is believed to be stationed at the post. []

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** [] Comment. Document listed as 4 is possibly a list of the unidentified Cds RL Bn of the 8th Cds Mecz Div, as it mentions a 1st and 2d Btry. Consequently, the equipment of the battalion would include at least 24 submachine guns. Lieutenant Colonel V. Cubarev and Colonel D. Berezin, mentioned in 4 L, are known as authors of articles in the Agitator of the Armed Forces. [] mentioned in 4 c, belongs to an unidentified unit in Leisnig.

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